

AF/1743
AA

[10191/1977]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : BRINZ, Thomas et al. Confirmation No. 9532
Serial No. : 09/913,374
Filing Date : December 11, 2001
For : **PROTECTIVE LAYER** **MAR 08 2004**
Group Art Unit : 1743
Examiner : Samuel P. SIEFKE

RECEIVED

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date: February 26, 2004

Reg. No. 36,197

Signature:

Long H. Lee

**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR:

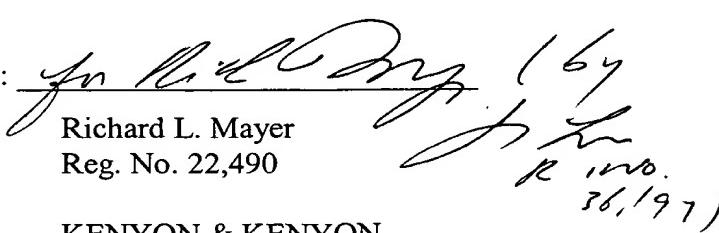
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Rule 116 Response After Final Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated November 17, 2003, for which a response period expiring on February 17, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on March 17, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$110.00** to the Deposit Account of **KENYON & KENYON**, Deposit Account number **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 26, 2004

By:


Richard L. Mayer
Reg. No. 22,490

KENYON & KENYON
One Broadway
New York, New York 10004
(212) 425-7200

03/04/2004 AWONDAF1 00000020 110600 09913374
01 FC:1251 110.00 DA

CUSTOMER NO. 26646
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE